VENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) During the period April , 1991 - October, 1991, the energy deficit in the country was of the order of 8.0%.

(b) Various measures being taken to improve the generation in the country include renovation and modernisation of old units, assistance to Electricity Boards in undertaking plant betterment programme, supply of requisite quantity and quality of Coal, training of Operation and Maintenance personnel and strengthening of Transmission and Distribution System.

(c) The Eighth Plan has not been finalised so far by the Planning Commission.

(d) and (e). The long terms strategies for power development are (i) Accelerated development of Hydro Potential, (ii) Strengthening of Transmission and Distribution Systems, (iii) Adoption of Coal beneficiation technology, (iv) Diversification of modes of coal transportation, (v) Private Sector Participation in Power Sector, etc.

Bomb blast at Rudrapur

*60. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH
SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons killed and injured in the bomb blaste at Rudrapur in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether the Government have made any arrests in this connection; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to safeguard this region?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN): (a) As per information available, 45 persons were killed and 183 injured in the bomb blasts in Rudrapur.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) As per information furnished by the State Government, various measures have been taken to tackle the situation such as strengthening of intelligence machinery, deployment of Central Forces/P.A.C. in the affected areas, improvement of communication systems, providing extra vehicles, establishment of bomb disposal squads etc. The Central Govt. is in constant touch with the State Govt. and is providing all possible assistance to the State Govt. as and when required.

[*Translation*]

Recruitment at B.S.F. Center, Hazaribagh

432. SHRI BHUBANESHWAR PRASAD MEHTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there exists a Border Security Force Centre in village Meru, district Hazaribagh of Bihar;

(b) whether recruitment of jawans for Border Security Force is made every month in this centre and there is a fixed quota for each State;

(c) whether the locals as well as the migrants are recruited on Class IV posts; and

(d) whether the rules governing recruitment of jawans and Class-IV employees in B.S.F. have been adhered to, if not, the reasons therefor?